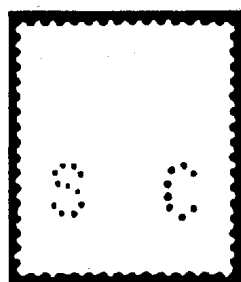


Unbeknown to Dave Hill, during the summer of last year I collected the fine detail in terms of stamp issues and denominations etc., for the various dies that we either know, or strongly suspect, were used by 'Copestakes'. The intention was to produce an illustrated 'write-up' on the company and make it available to members attending the London meeting, and afterwards to anyone who wanted a copy. This back-burner' project will still go ahead, but the following 'die-in-use' information may be useful/interesting to collectors.

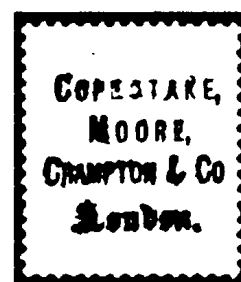
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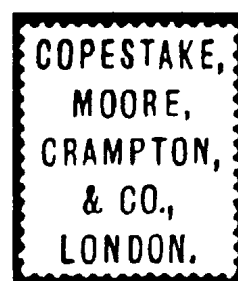
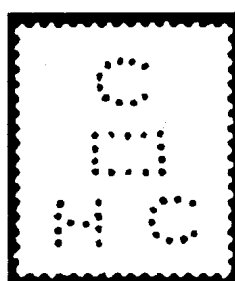
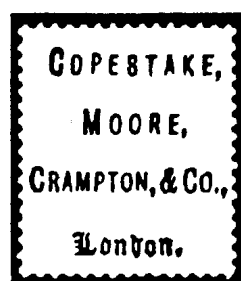
The unique 'trial' die "SC"
and underprint, not known
postally used

The precursor of all perfins!



Combined Perfin & Underprint - earliest known date 22nd October 1880.

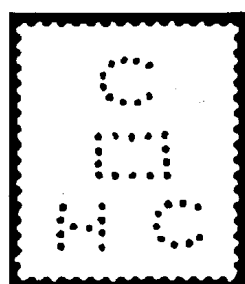
1880-1883



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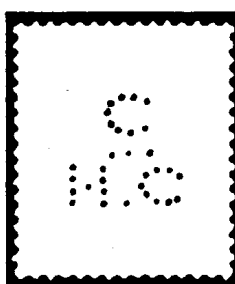
Perfin only - earliest known date 21st August 1881.

1881-1883



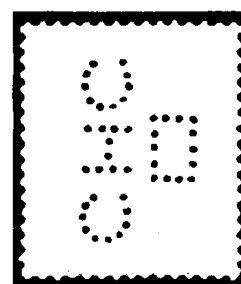
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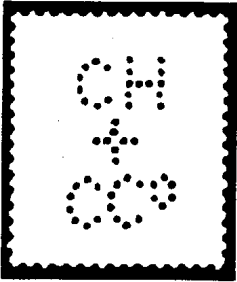
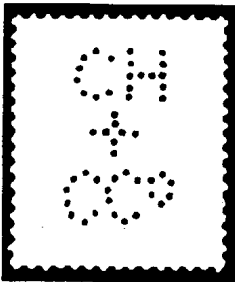
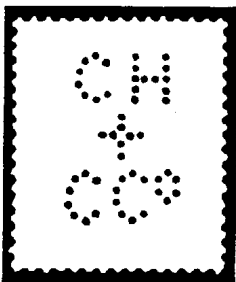
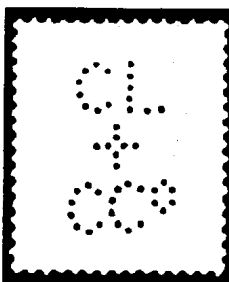
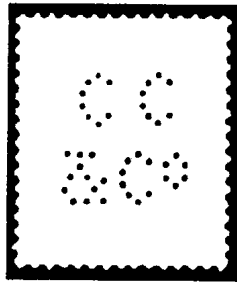
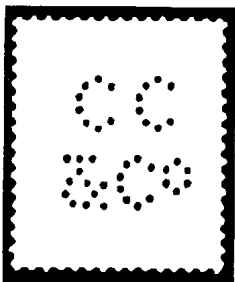
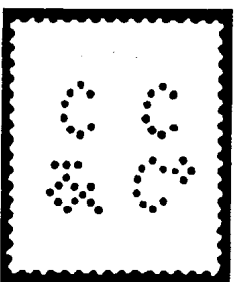
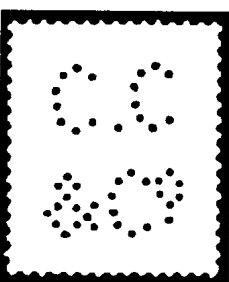
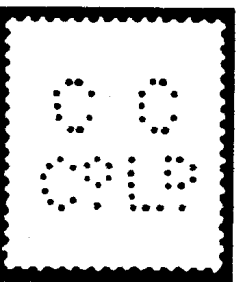
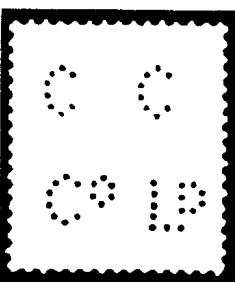
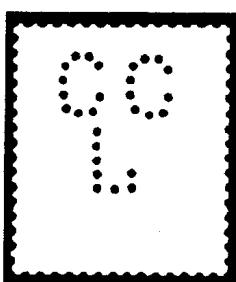
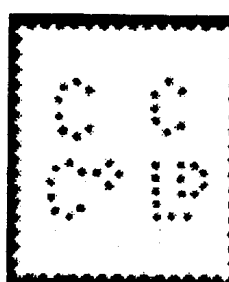
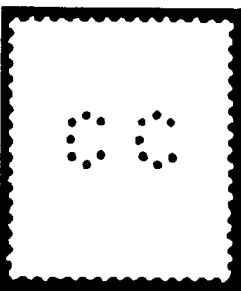


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c1883



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1900-1920 	1905-1920 	1910-1930 	???? 
C1290.02a	C1290.02	C1290.04	C1295.01
1920-1922 	1920-1936 	1932-1940 	1936-1939 
C1305.01	C1300.01	C1380.02	C1300.02
			1941-1995 
			C1110.01M

The majority of the preceding dies were almost certainly used *exclusively* by Copestakes, but this last die is known used by many users. The quoted 'die-in-use' date range is for the entire life of the die (a Sloper 12x1 multiheaded die) and not specifically when Copestakes used the perfin.

If anyone would like a copy of the list of stamp details and earliest/latest dates, please write either to Dave Hill or to me enclosing an SAE.

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